

WILL DELAY KNAPP TRIAL TWO MONTHS

Baby Ill, Defense's Principal Witness Won't Come Here Because She Feared Infantile Paralysis—Special Assignment for Banker's Hearing.

Counsel for Knapp Fails to Urge Change of Venue But Asks Postponement—Bowers Holds All Papers of the Defunct Banking Institution.

The unwillingness of Mrs. Grace M. Rahm, principal witness for the defense, to leave her home in Brooklyn, while her baby is ill, caused a further postponement in the trial of former banker Herbert M. Knapp, whose case was discussed before Judge Tuttle in the criminal superior court this morning. The court said he would make a special assignment for the trial in November, although the superior court is not in session here then. The exact date will be determined upon by counsel on both sides.

State's Attorney Homer S. Cummings came to court prepared to argue against a motion for change of venue filed a short time ago by Judge William H. Conley, Jr., representing Knapp.

To his surprise Judge Conley did not urge the motion for change of venue but instead asked for a postponement of the case.

First reason was that he and his associate, Judge Carl Foster, were not prepared to take the case to the city. He said many counts originally brought against Knapp had been stricken out and new counts substituted. It was also claimed that all the Burr & Knapp books and in fact every scrap of paper belonging to the firm had been in the custody of attorney S. D. Bowers, who is assisting the state's attorney. This situation made it difficult for the lawyers to go over the books and prepare the defense.

Then Judge Conley took up the question of Mrs. Rahm's absence. He said he had talked with her at her Brooklyn home. Because of the infantile paralysis epidemic she did not dare bring her five months old child to this city. In fact, she absolutely refused to come into this state at present. She was perfectly willing to testify, she added, when home conditions were favorable.

As there is no law which can compel her to come to this state and testify Judge Conley said the problem was difficult. Mrs. Rahm for years had charge of the Burr & Knapp books and her testimony regarding the state's attorney's conduct was as the most important in the entire case.

In answer to Judge Conley's plea the state's attorney said the argument that the defense did not sound convincing by both sides. He did not think it advisable for the trial to start until every chance had been given both the state and the defense to present all available evidence.

He asked the state's attorney about a postponement until the December term but Attorney Cummings replied that it was a short term and as the Knapp trial probably would be a long one it would be inconvenient to have it interrupted by the Christmas holidays. Judge Tuttle then said he would make a special assignment in November.

The state's attorney inquired what had become of the motion for a change of venue. He said the state had gone to considerable expense to collect affidavits and had prepared to combat the motion. Judge Conley replied that he had decided not to press the motion.

He found upon investigation that there was no basis for asking for a change of venue. It was discovered by him and his associate that the case was practically unknown in the county outside of this city, so he could not urge that Knapp would be unable to get a fair trial in this county.

Two More Licenses Near Arms Works

As no appeal was filed within the time allowed by law, the county commissioners this morning issued liquor licenses to Pak Bros. and Jacob Hauserman, the first dealers to be allowed in the hitherto restricted Barnum avenue territory. Pak Bros. moved from North Washington avenue to Barnum and Bruce avenues. Hauserman transferred from Willard street to Barnum avenue and Elizabeth street. The Remington Arms and other manufacturers remonstrated against the transfer applications.

TRUST CO. MAY HAVE TO NAME NEW DIRECTORS

Clayton Act Likely to Affect Seven of Bank's Executive Board

ASK INTERPRETATION OF KERN AMENDMENT

Three Bridgeport Institutions Seem to Come Under New Ruling

Radical changes in the directorates of some of the most prominent banking institutions of this city are likely to occur on or before Oct. 15, as the outcome of a decision by the Federal reserve board as to what constitutes "substantial competition" under the Clayton law prohibiting interlocking directorates.

The reserve board has decided, according to despatches from Washington, that any two banks having resources to the amount of \$5,000,000 or more shall not have interlocking directorates.

It is known that one institution in this city has as many as seven directors who are also directors in other national banks or trust companies.

An effort is now being made to ascertain from the Federal Reserve board of directors in a national bank also on the directorate of a trust company bank may not be classed beyond the pale of the ruling because of the different character of the business transacted.

In the event of the application being denied it will necessitate immediate revision of the directorates of at least three banks in this city. Banks all over the United States will be similarly affected.

Charles G. Sanford, president of the First-Bridgeport National bank, and a director in the Federal Reserve bank said today:

"Referring to the Clayton act, it is possible that it will affect the directorates of three banks and also on the board of the Bridgeport Trust Co. The Kern amendment to the Clayton act provides that these directors may serve in two banks, provided the banks are not in 'substantial competition'."

"Applications have been filed with the Federal reserve board by some of the national bank directors in Bridgeport, requesting permission to serve on the boards of two banks and also on the board of the Bridgeport Trust Co. The ground for this request is that the business of the trust company is radically different in character from that of the national banks and that the trust company is not in 'substantial competition' under the law."

"These applications probably will be determined within a very few days."

EXPERTS OF NEW ADVISORY BOARD ARE GIVEN OATH

Twenty-Four of Nation's Foremost Scientists Swear Allegiance.

Washington, Sept. 19—Twenty-four of America's foremost scientists, comprising the navy's civil consulting board headed by Thomas A. Edison, took the oath of allegiance to the United States today as officers of the federal government. The oath was administered in the office of Secretary Daniels preliminary to organization of the board under the new law giving it a legal status.

The scientists were taken on board the naval yacht Dolphin for a cruise down to the southern drill grounds off the Virginia coast to witness the target practice maneuvers of the Atlantic fleet.

Before Mr. Edison arrived at the navy department he went to Mount Vernon, Va., the home of George Washington, made a personal inspection of the mansion and planted an elm tree in the yard. He was asked to inspect the electrical wiring of the house which he tried, pronouncing it safe.

Secretary Daniels formally welcomed the scientists into the federal service and predicted that their enlistment would do much to restore American prestige upon the seas and assure the "glorious future of our nation and our country."

A. L. Riker of Bridgeport is a member of the board.

STRUCK BY MACHINE BOY BELIEVED DYING

James Catalano, 10 years old, of Linden avenue, Stratford, suffered a fractured skull as a result of being struck by an automobile owned and driven by Edward C. Spargo, a real estate dealer, on Main street in front of the post office this afternoon. He was rushed to Bridgeport hospital and is reported to be in a dying condition.

MILK PRODUCERS READY TO FIGHT PASTEURIZATION

Southwestern Connecticut Dairy Farmers Meet In Hawleyville.

DIRECTOR NAMED FROM EACH TOWN

Board Will Meet in Danbury Saturday With Authority to Elect Officers

(Special to The Farmer.)
Hawleyville, Conn., Sept. 19—Organization of the Western Connecticut Milk Producers' association was effected at a largely attended meeting of dairy farmers and others interested in dairy products, in this railroad center yesterday afternoon.

While no definite steps were taken against the proposed compulsory pasteurization of milk sold in Bridgeport, the sentiment of the meeting, as reflected by the speakers, and evidenced in the informal discussions growing out of the meeting, proved to be strongly against pasteurization, especially against pasteurization done privately.

If the city of Bridgeport provides a municipal pasteurization plant, the opposition will not be so strong. But even then, well informed dairymen declare, there will be a feeling of resentment and a sentiment that the city imposing a needless hardship upon the dairy farmer.

The meeting yesterday was for organization. Between 50 and 60 names were pledged. Great interest was manifested. The chief business of the meeting was the organization of a board of directors, one from each town in Southwestern Connecticut. This board is vested with power to elect officers of the association, and when the directors meet in Danbury, on Saturday, this will be done. C. F. Nichols of Stratford, a former member of the state legislature from Monroe, acted as clerk of the meeting.

Pasteurization was the chief theme of the several speakers, including Clifford I. Stoddard of Woodbridge, of the State Board of Agriculture; Prof. H. F. Judkins of Storrs Agricultural College, and S. J. Wright of the Fairfield County Farm bureau.

One of the larger dealers, who supplies 216 customers, reported that he had made a canvass of his customers, and had found that only eight of his entire trade preferred pasteurized milk. The meeting yesterday included 60 producers, with a total of 700 cows.

There was criticism at the meeting of the statements purporting to come from the bacteriological laboratory recently instituted by the City of Bridgeport, to the effect that "Bridgeport milk is rotten." The dealers declare that these general statements are unfair, that there must be some samples submitted that are better than others, and that to condemn all is to discriminate unjustly against the dealer who conscientiously strives to produce wholesome milk.

The question also was raised as to the showing made by certain samples of the showing made by certain samples of pasteurized milk that had been tested at the laboratory. It was argued that the laboratory was strangely silent when questions were asked as to the showing of the pasteurized product.

The board of directors of the association includes: Newtown, William C. Johnson; Monroe, Robert Sinclair; Easton, J. A. Sherwood; Trumbull, D. M. Fuller; Bethel, P. Vanbeck; Danbury, George A. Makay; New Fairfield, N. Hatch; Brookfield, William H. Blackman; Redding, A. G. Barnett; Huntington, Nathan Brooks; Fairfield, Edw. Morehouse; Roxbury, Lew Dickinson; New Milford, E. F. Hartwell; Southbury, S. J. Blackman.

GOV. HOLCOMB GOING TO MEXICAN BORDER

Hartford, Sept. 19—Prior to his departure today for Nogales, Ariz., where he will visit the Connecticut troops in Camp, Governor Holcomb signed the commission of William C. Cheney, of Manchester, and Christopher L. Avery of Groton, to take the vote of Connecticut soldiers on the border. It was announced at the capital that the commission would leave for the south on Thursday, the day following the Democratic state convention which will nominate a state ticket. The commission will thus carry with them state nominations of both big parties.

Victim of Crash In East Main St. Leaves Hospital

Baltasar Rugi, of 748 Middle street, the man who with George O'Donnell was removed to the Bridgeport hospital, following the collision of two cars and an auto truck which O'Donnell was driving in East Main street yesterday, was discharged from the hospital this morning.

Rugi leaped from one of the trolleys and was unconscious when picked up. It was at first thought he had suffered a fractured skull, the result of striking on his head.

Mrs. A. A. Booth, of 1477 West Broad street, Stratford, who was taken to the home of her sister, Mrs. Martha Horgan, 189 Arctic street, suffering from hysteria and slight bruises, has recovered.

CONDITION OF WILSON STILL PRECARIOUS

Elbert Wilson, the G. A. R. veteran, who attempted to take his life by swallowing carbolic acid, is still on the dangerous list, at St. Vincent's hospital, where he was removed from his home in Broad street.

BULGARS LEAVE MONASTIR SAYS ATHENS REPORT

Archives Hastily Moved to Uskub As Evacuation Is Begun

GERMANS ATTACKING RUSSIAN POSITIONS

Take Offensive Against the Czar's Forces Entrenched on the Somme

London, Sept. 19—An Athens despatch to the Exchange Telegraph company says that information received there indicates that the Bulgars are beginning the evacuation of Monastir. It is said that the Bulgarian archives are being hastily transported to Uskub.

Paris, Sept. 19—The Germans took the offensive in Champagne last night, making five successive attacks on the Russian troops there. Today's official report says that each time they were checked by the Russian machine gun and artillery fire.

The German attack in Champagne was made in the sector between Souain and Somme-Py. The German front operations were hindered by bad weather.

The Bulgarians on the Macedonian front have made two counter-attacks against the Serbians but gained no success. It was announced officially here today.

The Bulgarians and Germans have not yet started a counter-attack against the French troops which captured Florina. There is no change on the Struma front.

Petrograd, Sept. 19—Stubborn fighting is in progress between Russian and Austro-German troops in the region of the river Narva which captured Florina. There is no change on the Struma front.

GERMANS PLAN REPRISALS

Berne, Switzerland, Sept. 19—It is reported from the German frontier that the German government intends to expel 10,000 Italians in reprisal for the treatment of Germans in Italy.

LAYS OUT SEVEN DISPUTANTS WITH AID OF CROWBAR

Fairfield Field Looks Like War Scene When Argument Is Over.

Modern warfare with its starshells and hand-to-hand combat in the trenches has been simulated on a small scale recently in Fairfield, and yesterday the details of the struggle were told in Judge Bacon Wakeman's town court.

Two weeks ago, according to testimony offered, Andrew Soss defeated and took home his opponent, Fairchild, while searching for a detachment of three.

Soss entered Casper Schick's cafe at Ash Creek two weeks ago Saturday night for refreshment, after a hard day's labor in a Bridgeport shop. He had been there but a short time when he was disturbed by a group of Polish-speaking men. After a slight skirmish in which the four participated while exponents of many other nationalities stood passively by, Soss was victorious. He swore vengeance, and to his wife said on the porch, and escaped with jewelry to the value of about \$240. Unconscious of the fact that burglars were operating in her home, Mrs. Clancy returned after an absence of about 15 minutes to find three gold watches, a twin diamond ring, set with an emerald in the center, a solid gold chain and girl's gold bracelet missing from the bureau.

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MEXICO MEDIATORS WILL NOT DISCUSS INTERNAL AFFAIRS

New London, Sept. 19—The joint Mexican-American commission today resumed discussion of plans for the protection of the international border. The American members will not attempt to force the consideration of internal affairs but the Mexican members indicated that discussion of this subject as incident to questions affecting the border situation would not be opposed.

It was not expected that any agreement would be reached today.

POLICEMAN LOSES KEYS

Policeman J. F. Waterbury would like the person who found a bunch of keys which he lost yesterday afternoon, to return the same to police headquarters.

WEALTHY VICTIMS ASK FOR SECRECY AS BLACKMAILING GANG IS BROUGHT TO TRIAL

UNIONS' ULTIMATUM ON STRIKE OF 700,000 IS PRESENTED TO MITCHELL

New York, Sept. 19—Mayor Mitchell called into conference with him today representatives of the chamber of commerce and Merchants' Association to try to avert the threatened strike of 700,000 workers in this city in sympathy with the street railway employees. The mayor has received warning from the labor leaders that unless he and the committee of businessmen settle the carmen's strike by Thursday night, a general walkout of virtually all the labor unions in this city and vicinity will be ordered.

No plan has been proposed for the consideration of the mayor and the businessmen's committee. President Shontz, of the Interborough Rapid Transit Company, said the company would have no further negotiations with the carmen's union but was willing to consider any proposition from the mayor.

The street railway strike was extended to Queens County early today when many conductors and motormen of the New York and Queens County Railroad went out in protest against the use of their members to operate cars and break the strike in Manhattan. Union leaders asserted that fourteen per cent. of its cars were in service and that not more than 300 men had left their places. Thousands of Queens residents who work in Manhattan traveled by ferry and automobile.

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BULL MOOSE OF STATE PLAN TO CONTINUE FIGHT

Will Keep Party Principles Alive, Say Delegates at New Haven.

New Haven, Sept. 19—A number of Progressive party members met here today to discuss political conditions as they relate to their party, to choose a state chairman to fill the vacancy which came about by the resignation of Joseph W. Alsop, of Avon, to elect a treasurer and to plan for the campaign. The call was issued by J. B. Smith, of Orange. The number of members who had responded at noon was not large. Most of them were men who took prominent part in the Progressive campaigns of 1912 and 1914 in Connecticut.

F. M. Chase, who had charge of the Progressive state headquarters in Hartford, four years ago, looked in upon the gathering. The guest of the day was Bainbridge Colby, of New York, who was met by a delegation upon his arrival.

The Progressives sat down to lunch about 1 o'clock and later they were to discuss party affairs. Several members said they did not believe any suggestion would be offered to put a ticket in the field or to come out for endorsement of any candidate of any other party. The main idea would be to continue the organization against a time when it might be needed.

As to endorsement of any candidate of the Democratic or Republican party, members pointed out that they felt it to be wisdom to adhere to the sentiment of the Indianapolis conference, which was to let every Progressive use his own judgment this fall.

Mr. Colby was to address the meeting after the luncheon.

Rob Apartments As Owner Sits On Porch

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ALARMING SPREAD OF EPIDEMIC IN BAY STATE

Boston, Sept. 19—The greatest spread of infantile paralysis since the disease became epidemic in this state was reported to the department of health today. Thirty-nine cases developed in the last 24 hours, as compared with 49 in the previous 48 hours.

New York, Sept. 19—Thirty-five new cases of infantile paralysis, an increase of 20 over yesterday's report, was shown in the department of health bulletin issued at 10 o'clock today. There were ten deaths, an increase of four.

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